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A rare opportunity of securing specimens of insects from Texas and Southern New Mexico, is now open to those interested. By reference to the advertising pages it will be seen that Mr. Belfrage is to make a long collecting journey through the above named region. We can recommend him as a faithful and excellent collector. His specimens arrive in excellent condition.

The excrements of bats from Egypt have recently become an article of trade as a sort of guano for manure.

It has been announced at the Royal Geographical Society that Livingstone has arrived at Ujiji on his return journey.—*Nature*.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. S. M.—The plants are:—1, *Utricularia purpurea*; 2, probably *Claytonia Virginica* (poor specimen); 3, *Sagittaria calycina* var. *spongiosa*; 4, *Spiraea*; 5, *Hydrocotyle Americana*; 6, *Phaseolus trilobus*.

A. G. H.—The cocoon of *Platysamia Cecropia* was filled with the cocoons (containing the perfect insects) of an Ichneumon.

W. O., Montreal.—Professor J. Ledy, Philadelphia, Professor A. E. Verrill, New Haven, and Professor H. J. Clarke, Lexington, Ky., are the only persons in this country who are engaged on the subject of internal parasites, so far as we are informed. Dr. Weinland has been in Germany for many years.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

A Concise Analytical and Logical Development of the Atmospheric System, and of the Elements of Prognostication, by which the weather may be forecasted, adapted to the Practical Mind of the Country. By Thomas B. Butler, author of the "Philosophy of the Weather." Revised Edition. Andrew Selleck, Norwalk, Conn. 1870. 12mo, pp. 405. Cloth.

Bulletin of the Museum Comparative Zoology, Vol. II, No. 2. Preliminary Report on the Crustacea Dredged in the Gulf Stream in the Straits of Florida. By L. F. de Pourtales, Assist. U. S. Coast Survey. Part I, Brachyura. By Dr. Wm. Stimpson, 1870. 8vo pamph., pp. 52.

Annual Report of the Surgeon General United States Army. 1870. 8vo pamph., pp. 10.

The Earthquake of October 20, 1870. By Principal Dawson, LL. D., F.R.S., etc. pp. 8. 1870. Report on the Progress of the State Geological Survey of Michigan. By Alexander Winchell, Director. Lansing, 1871. 8vo pamph., pp. 64.

Descriptions of Some New England Nudibranchiata. By A. E. Verrill. 8vo, pp. 4. Nov., 1870. Report on the Geological Survey of the State of Iowa, to the 13th General Assembly, Jan., 1870, containing results of examinations made within the years 1866, 1867, 1868 and 1869. By Charles A. White, M.D. 2 vols. cloth. Imperial 8vo, pp. 734. Plates and maps. Des Moines, 1870.

Report of an Inquiry in regard to Schools of Technical Science in certain portions of the United States. By J. G. Hodgkins and A. T. Machattie. 8vo pamph., pp. 34. Toronto, 1870.

Third Annual Report of the Natural History Club of Philadelphia. 1871. 8vo pamph., pp. 24.

Fourth Annual Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries of the State of Maine for the year 1870. 8vo pamph., pp. 56. 2 plates.

Fifth Annual Report of the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries [of Massachusetts]. January, 1871. 8vo pamph., pp. 77.

On the Genesis of Species. By St. George Mivart, F.R.S. 12mo, cloth, pp. 296, illustrated. London. Macmillan & Co. 1871. [\$2.00.]

Honduras; Descriptive, Historical and Statistical. By E. G. Squier, M.A., F.S.A., etc. Issued by permission of the author, and under the authority of His Excellency Don Carlos Gutierrez, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Honduras in Great Britain. 12mo, cloth, pp. 278 and map. London. Trubner & Co. 1870.

Travels in Central America, including Accounts of Some Regions Unexplored since the Conquest. From the French of The Chevalier Arthur Morelet. By Mrs. M. F. Squier. Introduction and Notes by E. Geo. Squier. 12mo, cloth, pp. 430, illustrated. New York. Leopoldt, Holt & Williams. 1871.

Report of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario for the year 1870. [Including 1st Annual Report on Noxious Insects.] 8vo pamph., pp. 130. Toronto, 1871. [Gov. Doc.]